

Week Ending: November 17, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 17, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting cotton and soybeans. Row crop producers are cleaning equipment and making plans for next year's growing season. Cattlemen are making plans for winter grazing and feeding. Soil moisture is 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	98	96	100	95	---	---	---	---	---
Soybeans	Harvested	94	88	97	87	---	---	---	---	---
Wheat	Planted	94	89	90	83	---	1	26	69	4
	Emerged	87	69	76	71	---	---	---	---	---
Pecans	Harvested	40	30	44	48	14	15	27	40	4
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	99	91	100	99	---	---	---	---	---
Cattle						1	3	20	67	9
Pasture						---	---	---	---	---

County Agent Comments

"Wet fields and cloudy days have hampered soybean harvest and wheat planting. Winter pastures are growing well with the milder than normal temperatures. Calf weaning, worming and vaccinations have been the main farm work this week."

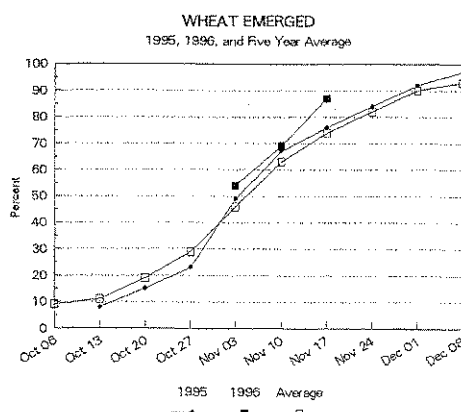
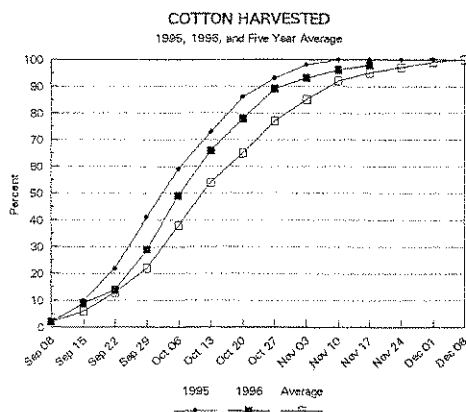
— Stanley Wise, Alcorn County

"Cotton and soybean harvest continues with excellent yields. Rains late last week delayed completion of harvest. Cool season grazing is beginning to pick up now that adequate moisture is available."

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

"Practically all the crops are out, yields have overall been good, plenty of hay has been baled and we're now settling in for winter."

— Perry Kimbrough, Clay County



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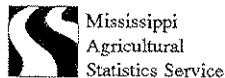
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Weather Summary From November 11, 1996 to November 17, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	66	34	47	53	-6	0.02	-1.05	1	5.47	59	48	52	
Cleveland	67	37	49			0.00		0	3.96				
Tunica				52		0.17	-0.84	2	5.87				
Extreme/Average	67	34	48	53	-5	0.06	-0.98	1	5.10	59	48	52	
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				50		0.13	-0.74	2	5.51				
Memphis	66	35	48	53	-5	1.34	+0.40	3	9.75				
Oxford				51		0.01	-0.89	1	4.72				
Extreme/Average	66	35	48	53	-5	0.74	-0.17	3	7.63				
3. Northeast													
Booneville				51		0.02	-0.94	2	5.89				
Corinth	69	31	46	52	-6	0.12	-0.79	1	5.21				
Iuka	64	28	43			0.03		2	6.07				
Pontotoc				52		0.03	-0.88	1	4.79				0.05
Tupelo	66	31	49	51	-2	0.52	-0.26	4	4.83				
Verona						0.04		1	2.86				
Extreme/Average	69	28	46	52	-6	0.13	-0.76	2	4.91				0.05
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				57		0.00	-0.92	0	4.03				
Greenwood	72	35	55	55	-0	0.03	-0.94	1	2.39				
Rolling Fork						0.00	-0.89	0	4.41				0.08
Stoneville				54									
Yazoo City	71	36	51	56	-6	0.00	-0.87	0	5.23				
Extreme/Average	72	35	53	56	-3	0.01	-0.90	0	4.02				0.08
5. Central													
Carthage	69	31	48	54	-6	0.00	-0.83	0	3.06				
Jackson	71	35	54	55	-2	0.02	-0.69	2	2.43				
Winona				52									
Extreme/Average	71	31	51	55	-4	0.01	-0.76	1	2.75				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville													
Columbus	70	32	50			1.07		2	5.55				
State University				54		0.03	-0.72	1	4.80				
Extreme/Average	70	32	50	54	-4	0.55	-0.20	2	5.18				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs						0.00		0	3.35				
Natchez				60		0.00	-1.07	0	4.34				
Oakley						0.00	-0.92	0	2.92				
Vicksburg	72	39	54			0.00		0	3.10				
Extreme/Average	72	39	54	60	-6	0.00	-1.00	0	3.43				
8. South-Central													
Columbia	72	38	54	58	-4	0.00	-1.20	0	8.21				
McComb	70	39	56	57	-1	0.00	-1.02	0	3.99				
Extreme/Average	72	38	55	58	-3	0.00	-1.11	0	6.10				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0	5.44				
Hattiesburg	73	38	55	57	-3	0.00	-1.19	0	6.73				
Laurel				56									
Meridian	70	32	52	55	-3	0.01	-0.81	1	3.84				
Newton				55		0.00	-0.94	0	3.20				0.07
Extreme/Average	73	32	54	56	-3	0.00	-0.98	0	4.80				0.07
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis						0.00		0	3.13				
Biloxi	72	45	59			0.01		1	0.75				
Gulfport				61		0.00	-0.77	0	1.57				
Pascagoula	69	36	53	62	-8	0.00	-0.92	0	1.12				
Poplarville				60		0.00	-1.04	0	4.29				0.12
Extreme/Average	72	36	56	62	-5	0.00	-0.98	0	2.32				0.12
State	73	28	51	55	-4	0.15	-0.78	1	4.62	59	48	52	0.08

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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